

## **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

### **Statement of Purpose**

The goal of the Board of Elections Office is to always serve the public in an efficient and courteous manner and to provide well-planned and managed elections with immediate results. We will conduct fair, honest, and impartial elections that encourage and provide easy access for all registered voters.

### **Outcomes**

1. Prepare for and conduct the General Election on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008. This election is expected to be very active with an estimated turnout of 70%. Each county has been advised to be prepared for the number of absentee ballots that is anticipated from overseas voters.
2. Increase awareness of the early voting sites in the County. The objective is to increase voter turnout at the one-stop sites thus decreasing lines on Election Day. At this time, we have two (2) additional one-stop sites and the Newton Main Library in lieu of our office.
3. Complete 'List Maintenance' that is required every two years. This procedure is designed to maintain only active voters in the registration files and remove the voters that have moved out of the County, died, or have not voted in the last two (2) Federal elections.
4. Begin preparation for the electronic poll books. The State Board of Elections will begin, in January 2009, the task of certifying electronic poll books for the State. Decisions will be made on the type and the number needed for each precinct in the County.

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Organization: 140050

	2006/07 Actual	2007/08 Current	2008/09 Requested	2008/09 Approved	Percent Change
<b>Revenues</b>					
Federal	\$0	\$120,000	\$0	\$0	0%
State	40	0	0	0	0%
Charges & Fees	93	134,700	200	200	-100%
General Fund	481,261	518,548	554,457	553,457	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$481,394</b>	<b>\$773,248</b>	<b>\$554,657</b>	<b>\$553,657</b>	<b>-28%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Personal Services	\$203,494	\$236,448	\$233,912	\$233,912	-1%
Supplies & Operations	143,002	536,800	320,745	319,745	-40%
Capital	134,898	0	0	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$481,394</b>	<b>\$773,248</b>	<b>\$554,657</b>	<b>\$553,657</b>	<b>-28%</b>
<b>Employees</b>					
Permanent	4.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	0%
Hourly	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.02</b>	<b>4.52</b>	<b>4.52</b>	<b>4.52</b>	<b>0%</b>

## Budget Highlights

The budget includes 50 paperwork assistants and 2 rovers that will assist during election time. These positions are new and will work the presidential election.

## Performance Measurement

### Fiscal Year 2008/09

The Board of Elections outcomes for the 2008/09 fiscal year focus on the general election in November of 2008, maintenance, and election equipment issues. The Board of Elections is trying to be prepared for a large voter turnout during the presidential election. The large voter turnout has caused the Board of Elections to prepare for abnormally large numbers of absentee ballots from overseas voters. Also, the perceived popularity of the presidential election has caused the Board of Elections to find better methods to encourage voters to use one of four county one-stop voting sites in an attempt to reduce Election Day lines.

This upcoming fiscal year the Board of Elections is conducting its list maintenance (it is conducted every two years), which is a procedure designed to remove registered voters from the registration files that have moved out of the County, died, or have not voted in the last two (2) federal elections. Lastly, the Board of Elections will be preparing for the new certified electronic poll books from the State of North Carolina. The office will be looking into how many poll books will be required at each precinct in the County.

***Fiscal Year 2007/08***

The Board of Elections is on track to successfully complete each of its two outcomes for fiscal year 2007/08. The following are the two outcomes for the Board of Elections.

1. Prepare for and conduct the following scheduled elections:
  - . City of Hickory Primary Election – October 9, 2007
  - a. Municipal Elections for eight cities and towns – November 6, 2007
  - b. Primary Election – May 6, 2008
2. Increase awareness of early voting locations and times with emphases placed on a new site located in Sherrill's Ford beginning with the May 2008 primary election.

***Fiscal Year 2006/07***

During fiscal year 2006/07, the Board of Elections successfully completed its four outcomes. The four outcomes focused on staff training due to law changes, voting machine changes, and providing an efficient voting experience for Catawba County residents during the general election. A large majority of the outcomes for the Board of Elections emphasized staff training. For example during the fiscal year, the Board of Elections' staff was trained on the new countywide voting system, which includes programming the machines. Also during the year, Board of Elections' staff was sent to the Institute of Government to take mandatory classes to make sure the office keeps up with current election laws, and procedures.